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SUBJECT: MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS - ARTICLE I

REF: BUCHAREST 5392

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DETAILED AND HELPFUL
DEFINITION OF AGENDA ITEMS IN REFTEL, AND OFFER FOLLOWING
COMMENTS.

2. ARTICLE I: WE CONCUR THAT ARTICLE I IS ADEQUATE BASIS
FOR CARRYING OUT EXCHANGES, AND THEREFORE NEEDS NO
SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT.

3. QUOTAS: WHILE WE AGREE THAT QUOTAS NEED NOT BE
CHANGED, UNDERUTILIZATION OF GRANTS BY BOTH SIDES DOES
CAUSE BUDGETING PROBLEMS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, CU MUST
BUDGET FOR NUMBER OF LECTURERS, RESEARCHERS, GRAD STUDENTS,
ETC., CALLED FOR IN QUOTAS, KNOWING THAT IT UNLIKELY
ROMANIANS WILL MEET QUOTAS. IT WOULD BE GREAT HELP IF
ROMANIANS COULD GIVE US MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATE OF HOW
MANY PERSONS IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES WILL BE COMING. REQUEST
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EMBASSY VIEWS WHETHER REVIEW TALKS WOULD BE OCCASION TO

RAISE THIS PROBLEM.

4. LIMITED INTEREST BY U.S. SCHOLARS: GIVEN FACT OF LIMITED INTEREST AMONG AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO STUDY IN ROMANIA, WHAT OTHER U.S. NEEDS COULD WE SATISFY TO FULFILL OUR QUOTA? IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT OTHER CATEGORIES COULD WE ASK ROMANIANS TO TAKE? SUMMER LANGUAGE STUDENTS IS ONE POSSIBILITY WE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE AT THE TALKS. APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE IN THIS REGARD.

5. PARA (3): ROMANIANS ARE USING THIS PROVISION ESSENTIALLY FOR SHORT-RANGE ACADEMIC EXCHANGE. IS THIS EFFECTIVE? SINCE WE HAVE UNUSED GRANTS IN THIS CATEGORY, WE ASK EMBASSY TO DEVELOP SOME PROPOSALS FOR AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WITH ROMANIANS PAYING IN-COUNTRY COSTS.

6. PARA (4): WE TAKE SERIOUS VIEW OF ROMANIAN DISREGARD FOR "60-40" FORMULA. SINCE THIS IS PART OF AGREEMENT, WE INTEND TO RAISE IT.

7. PERSONNEL IN MINED: WHILE AWKWARD, WE CONCUR IN SUGGESTION TO INFORMALLY CONVEY NEED TO ROMANIANS FOR STAFFING AMERICAN DESK IN MINED WITH MORE EFFICIENT PERSONNEL.

8. MINED'S PROPRIETARY CONTROL OVER EXCHANGES: WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS UP. OUR RATIONALE WOULD BE THAT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH GOR AND NOT WITH MINED AND THEREFORE MFA SHOULD INSURE THAT OTHER ROMANIAN MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES HAVE OPPORTUNITIES UNDER ARTICLE I WHICH DOES NOT DESIGNATE MINED AS EXECUTIVE AGENT ON ROMANIAN SIDE. DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON AGREEMENT NEXT YEAR, WE WOULD HOPE TO AMEND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MINISTRIES.

9. GRADUATE STUDENTS/YOUNG INSTRUCTORS: WE PLAN TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH VIEW TO ELIMINATING "YOUNG INSTRUCTOR" CATEGORY, AND MAKING IT EXCLUSIVELY "GRADUATE STUDENT" PROGRAM. AS EMBASSY AWARE ROMANIANS OFTEN NOMINATE PHD'S WITH SEVERAL YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAN BE PAID ONLY GRADUATE STUDENT STIPEND IN U.S. THUS LEADING TO REAL INEQUITIES.

10. BRASOV SEMINAR: WILL DEFER TO EMBASSY JUDGMENT WHETHER TO RAISE THIS MATTER.

11. STATE DECREE 95: CONCUR THAT THIS IS CONVENIENT TIME TO RAISE BASIC QUESTION OF WHERE OUR ACADEMIC

PROGRAM IS GOING UNDER NEW ROMANIAN DIRECTIVE FOR
EXCHANGES.

12. WE ALSO PROPOSE RAISING SUMMER COURSE FOR LANGUAGE
STUDENTS AS DESCRIBED IN STATE 250022. KISSINGER

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